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E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EAID, VS

SUBJECT: AID TO THE PRG

REF: USUN 1521

1. THE QUESTION OF POTENTIAL THIRD- COUNTRY AND INTER-  
NATIONAL ORGANIZATION AID TO THE PRG HAS BEGUN TO SURFACE  
AND SEEMS LIKELY TO BECOME A SIGNIFICANT ISSUE IN THE NEAR  
FUTURE. LEGITIMATE HUMANITARIAN NEEDS FOR PEOPLE UNDER  
VIET CONG CONTROL ARE CITED AS RATIONALE FOR PROVIDING  
AID TO THE PRG. A NUMBER OF GOVERNMENTS AND INTERNATIONAL  
ORGANIZATIONS ARE LIKELY TO COME UNDER PRESSURE FROM  
ORGANIZED POLITICAL GROUPS, OR BLOCS OF MEMBER GOVERNMENTS,

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DEMANDING THAT A PORTION OF THEIR AID TO SVN GO TO THE VC.

WITH THIS IN MIND WE WISH TO EXPLORE WITH THE GVN THE CHANNEL FOR FOREIGN AID TO THE VC WHICH WILL LEAST ENHANCE THEIR INTERNATIONAL STATUS.

2. ALTHOUGH WE WOULD PREFER THAT AID TO THE PRG BE CHANNELLED THROUGH THE DRV, WE BELIEVE IT HIGHLY DOUBTFUL THE COMMUNISTS WOULD ACCEPT THIS CONCEPT. THE PROPOSAL THAT ALL AID FOR SVN BE GIVEN TO THE GVN WHICH WOULD THEN APPORTION A SHARE TO THE PRG STRIKES US AS PROBABLY UNREALISTIC.

3. THEREFORE, UNLESS YOU PERCEIVE OBJECTION, REQUEST YOU TAKE UP WITH MFA THE SUGGESTION THAT IF AND WHEN OTHER COUNTRIES OR ORGANIZATIONS RAISE THIS ISSUE OF HUMANITARIAN AID TO PEOPLE UNDER VC CONTROL, WE PROPOSE THAT SUCH AID BE CHanneled THROUGH THE INDOCHINA OPERATIONAL GROUP OF THE ICRC/ LICROSS. THE ADVANTAGE OF THIS ORGANIZATION OVER OTHER INTERNATIONAL GROUPS IS THAT IT IS NON- GOVERNMENTAL ( I. E., ITS MEMBERS ARE NOT STATES). IF CHOSEN, THIS METHOD WOULD OFFER THE PRG LESS OPPORTUNITY OF EXPLOITING THE AID ISSUE TO ENGAGE IN CONTACTS WITH GOVERNMENTS, AND IN THE PROCESS TO ENHANCE ITS INTERNATIONAL PERSONALITY. IF POSSIBLE YOUR REPLY SHOULD REACH US PRIOR TO APRIL 30 SO THAT WE MAY TAKE IT INTO ACCOUNT IN PREPARING INSTRUCTIONS TO OUR DELEGATE TO THE UNICEF EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING. ROGERS

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